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SUBJECT: VOLAG OPERATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

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1. LANGLEY OF AID/W, ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFF, MET WITH DEPUTY DG AVITZUR OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE (MSW) AT THE LATTER'S REQUEST ON MARCH 10. AVITZUR WENT OVER OLD GROUND, AND REITERATED VIEW THAT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (CDF) PROJECT IN RAFAH WOULD HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT "JOINTLY" WITH THE MSW WITHIN THE MSW FRAMEWORK. THRUST OF WHAT HE HAD TO SAY WAS THAT THE CDF COMMUNITY PROJECT WOULD BE ASSIGNED A MSW-HIRED GAZAN SOCIAL WORKER, AND WOULD BE CARRIED OUT JOINTLY WITH LOCAL MSW OFFICIALS. EFFORTS BY LANGLEY AND EMBOFF TO CONVINCE HIM THAT MIDDLE EAST SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND PROJECTS WERE NOT INTENDED TO BE AND SHOULD NOT BE SO CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH GOI WERE INEFFECTIVE. MEET-ING CLOSED ON COMMENT BY AVITZUR THAT IF CDF COULD NOT OPERATE WITHIN MSW FRAMEWORK, THEN MSW COULD GET ALONG WITHOUT IT.

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2. COMMENT: AVITZUR WAS VERY CLEAR IN EXPRESSING HIS VIEW THAT DEVELOPMENT-ORIENTED PROJECTS, SUCH AS THAT OF CDF AS WELL AS SEVERAL SUGGESTED BY ANERA, WOULD HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT JOINTLY WITH THE MSW. STRAIGHT WELFARE PROJECTS, WHICH WERE PRIMARILY OF A FUNDING ROLE, COULD BE MORE AUTONOMOUS. AVITZUR GAVE NO REPLY

TO POINT THAT CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RURAL DEVELOP-MENT PROJECTS IN WEST BANK HAD CONSIDERABLE AUTONOMY. REGARD-ING ANERA, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT NEITHER THE MSW NOR THE MFA WOULD MIND VERY MUCH IF IT CEASED ITS OPERATIONS IN THE TERRITORIES.

3. AT THIS POINT, THE CDF SITUATION IS STILL INDEFINITE. THE CDF REP HAS NOT YET SPOKEN TO GONNEN OF THE MFA, AND GONNEN HAS NOT TALKED TO AVITZUR ON THE OVERALL VOLAG QUESTION. AS FOR ANERA, MSW APPROVAL FOR ITS PROGRAM IS STILL IN SUSPENSE PENDING A GO-AHEAD BY THE MFA.

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